



# **BALLOON HELIUM GAS SAFETY** **AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

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Thank you for hiring a helium gas cylinder! We hope your event goes well. However, please remember to read and adhere to the following safety instructions before using your helium gas cylinder.

- Helium is a colourless, odourless, non-flammable and non-poisonous gas, which is lighter than air and this is why balloons float. Despite this you should never deliberately inhale the gas as this can induce asphyxia, also known as suffocation.
- Do not breathe helium gas directly from the cylinder or from balloons.
- Cylinders should always be kept in an upright position and secured to prevent toppling. This is especially important during transportation.
- Keep the cylinder out of the way so it reduces the chance of anybody tripping or children playing with the gas.
- Do not smoke around the cylinder.
- Fire hazards should be avoided. However, in the event of a fire, vacate the area immediately and call the Fire Brigade informing them that the cylinder contains Helium Gas.
- Helium is stored at high pressure. The cylinder should never be opened without the appropriate filling kit/valve being securely attached first.
- You must always remove the filling kit/valve if moving the cylinder any distance or ceasing to use it. Remember to turn off the cylinder valve and release pressure in the filling kit/valve before removing it.
- Always follow any further instructions given by staff at the time of sale or pickup of your helium gas cylinder.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please do not hesitate to ask!